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KSPCB yet to carry out sampling of soil, groundwater, surface water and sediments at contaminated sites

A SORRY SITE

Of 25 sites in state notified by CPCB, 13 in Bengaluru

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It has been nearly three years since the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) came up with a list of 25 contaminated and probable contaminated sites in Karnataka.

Out of these 25 sites, 13 were found to be in Bengaluru. The five contaminated sites in Bengaluru are Goripalya near Mysore Road, Mangammanapalya near Hosur Road, Peenya Industrial area, Mavallipura dumpsite near Yelahanka, and Begur Lake. The list of probable contaminated sites includes Lalbagh Lake, Madiwala Lake, Hebbal Lake, Bellandur Lake, Kengeri Tank, Arekere Lake, Agara Lake, and Begur Lake.

The central pollution watchdog then directed the state pollution control board to take necessary

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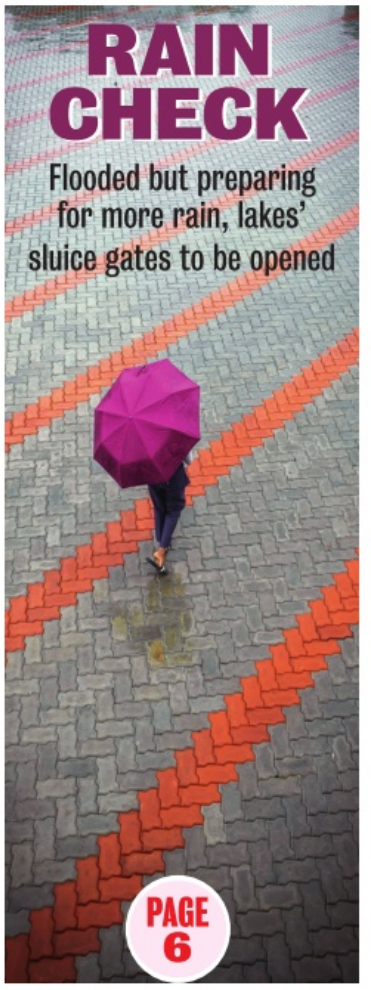
> KSPCB will gather samples and hand them over to EMPRI for the study
> — KSPCB official

Begur Lake is amongst the five contaminated sites in Bengaluru



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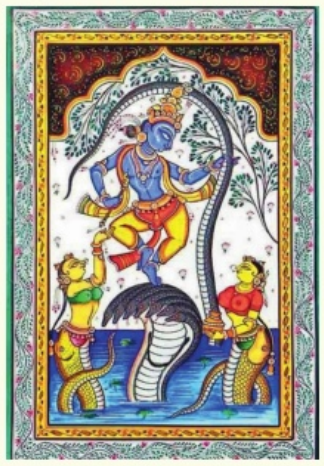
3 THINGS TO DO

01 Beauty in art



If you have been waiting to shop for Deepavali, then here's your chance to visit the Grand Rajasthani Exhibition organised by Maaruthi Enterprises. The event aims to bring rural artisans from the eastern part of the country together. Explore a vast collection of cotton and silk handlooms, handicrafts, Odisha tie and dye, dress material, Odisha sarees, and more. Puppet show is live at the expo.
Where: Sri Hari Kalyana Mandapa, 5, 136, Kims Medical College, 17, 30th Main Road, opp Bata, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Banashankari;
When: until November 14; 10 am to 9 pm

02 Play reading

Don't miss the play reading by Ovrwrkd and Ovrkll at Atta Galatta tomorrow. 'Private Lives by Noel Coward' is about Elyot and Amanda, who were married and now are honeymooning with new spouses at the same hotel. The cast includes Yamuna Kali, Shania Mathew, Padmini Baruah, and Samragni Dasgupta. **Where: Atta Galatta, 178, 5th Main, 9th Cross, 1st Stage Indiranagar (opp Cafe Terra)**
When: November 9; 7 pm

03 Play for toddlers

Here's an exclusive play for toddlers being presented at Ranga Shankara. Yes, you read it right. Play for toddlers. This unique play is for kids aged 2–3 years. Ee Gida, Aa Mara is a play directed by Sananda Mukhopadhyaya, who aims to create experiences for kids whose speech has not yet arrived. **Where: Ranga Shankara**
When: November 12; 11 am and 3:30 pm

Want cheaper onions? They're just a van away!

NAFED deploys mobile vans to offer assistance to public by enabling subsidised retail distribution of onions

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A midst soaring onion prices, Bengalureans are now finding relief in mobile vans selling onions at Rs 25 per kilo. All thanks to the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED), which is running mobile vans and allowing the retail sale of onions at subsidised prices. Due to various factors, onion prices have touched a peak of Rs 80 per kg and have made the staple vegetable of Indian cuisine inaccessible for many. Providing relief to consumers, NAFED is running mobile vans across Bengaluru. Jyothi Patil, State Head of NAFED, told Bangalore Mirror that they are running four mobile vans in the city.

"Similarly, we are running vans in Hubballi and Dharwad as well. Due to the high prices of onions, we are giving them to consumers at a subsidised rate of Rs 25 per kg. We have stock procured under a price stabilisation fund, and our main purpose is to stabilise the prices. We will be running the mobile vans for a long time," said Patil.

According to NAFED data, already 16 tons of onions worth Rs 12,80,000 have been sold in Bengaluru, four tons in Hubballi, and eight tons in Dharwad

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> –Jyothi Patil, NAFED

According to NAFED data, already 16 tons of onions worth Rs 12,80,000 have been sold in Bengaluru, four tons in Hubballi, and eight tons in Dharwad. While NAFED has assured that they have sufficient stock, they are limiting fair price point sales to Rs 2 kg per person for onions. NAFED has procured onions from Maharashtra and is distributing them in Karnataka.

Additionally, the vans are also selling split chickpeas for Rs 60 per kg. Consumers can only take up to 5 kg per person.

In the future, the vans will also be distributing Bharat Atta at Rs 27.5 per kg. The Centre has initiated aggressive disposal of onions through NCCF, NAFED, Kendriya Bhandar, and state cooperatives at Rs 25 per kg. Moreover, measures such as the imposition of a minimum export price (MEP) of USD 800 per MT with effect from October 29, 2023, the enhancement of buffer procurement by Rs 2 lakh tons, over Rs 5.06 lakh tons already procured, and the continuous disposal of onion through retail sales, e-Nam auctions, and bulk sales in wholesale markets since the second week of August are being undertaken.

This year, the buffer size for onions has been raised to 7 LMT from 2.5 LMT in 2022–23. To date, 5.06 LMT of onions have been procured, and the procurement of the remaining 2 LMT is in progress. Furthermore, to date, 3.2 LMT of chickpea stock has been allocated for conversion, out of which 75,269 MT have been milled and 59,183 MT have been through 3,010 retail points (stationery outlets and mobile vans) across 282 cities. The supply of Bharat Dal is being increased in the coming days to make over 4 lakh tons available to consumers throughout the country. However, just a month ago, NAFED was told by the Central Government to sell onions through the e-NAM platform instead of resorting to physical auctioning.

Temple run from Karnataka to Tirupati

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In the month of September, the state government launched online bookings for boarding facilities belonging to temples under the Muzrai department. Currently, the bookings have been open for Tirumala for devotees visiting the Sri Venkateshwara Swamy Temple, and since its launch, the online portal has already received an overwhelming response from over 1,995 guests who have already booked the Karnataka Pravasi Soudha (KPS) accommodation in Tirumala, Tirupati.

Since the online service at karnatakatemplesaccommodation.com, the maximum number of bookings have gone online. So far, close to 971 rooms have already been booked for 1,995 guests. There are over 25 temples listed on the website with accommodation that include Karnataka Choultry, Tiruchanur, Kukke Shree Subrahmanya Temple accommodation, Sri Chamundeshwari Temple accommodation in Mysuru, Sri Polali Rajarajeshwari Temple accommodation in Bantwal, Sri Manjunatha Temple accommodation in Dakshina Kannada, Sri Durga Parameshwari Temple accommodation in Dakshina Kannada, and others.

Basavarajendra H, Commissioner, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments, said, "We have been receiving many bookings online, and currently it's just open for Tirumala. We are working on making the bookings open to other accommodations as well. The idea to have the bookings made online was to make it easy for people, as many come to the location and keep looking out for reservations. While online, it is easier to book and reserve the place on the dates the bookings are available."

The Venkateshwara Swamy Temple in Tirumala is a sacred site for Hindus worldwide. It's believed that Lord Vishnu incarnated here to save humanity in Kaliyuga. This temple is the most visited and richest religious centre globally, attracting thousands of pilgrims daily who wait in long queues for Lord Venkateshwara's darshan. Devotees believe that seeking his blessings brings prosperity, good fortune, and spiritual enlightenment.

The bookings to be made are quite hassle-free. When BM tried making a reservation at Tirumala, the portal asked for log-in details and check-in and check-out details. The number of rooms available on different dates was shown, and the booking could be done. There was no glitch on the website. Two types of rooms are available: non-AC rooms and non-AC corner rooms, with different prices. The non-AC room cost Rs 1,400, including GST, and the non-AC corner room charges were Rs 1,550. The KPS facilities at Tirumala were originally donated by the former kings of the Mysore Kingdom for the well-being of those visiting Tirumala.

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Drowning in dilemma

Lack of rainwater inlets in Thalaghattapura Lake, deteriorating water quality

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Residents and dedicated lake activists in Bengaluru are calling on the municipal body, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), to create inlets for the natural flow of rainwater into Thalaghattapura Lake.

Raghavendra Pachhapur, a lake activist, told Bangalore Mirror that the lake has two inlets for the entry of water. However, the BBMP has raised a wall to close off the entry of sewage into the lake. While this has helped stop the water from being contaminated, it has resulted in the blocking of rainwater from entering the lake. "The wetland near one of the inlets is entirely dry, to the extent that one can see the parched land.

The other wetland has a little untreated water that has accumulated. It is now closing into the larger water body, which also has very little water. Close to 30-40% of the lake is left without water," he explained. Lack of rainwater inflow has led to deterioration of the water quality at the lake.

Rainwater from small wet spells does not reach the lake. Only when it rains heavily does the rainwater, along with sewage, make its way into the water body.

The lake receives minimal rainwater during light showers, while substantial inflow, often with sewage, occurs only during heavy rainfall

Pachhapur said that the BBMP must revisit its rejuvenation plans. "If authorities are considering raising an elevated structure to block the feeder channels, they must also consider how to allow rainwater into lakes," he said, adding that ways to ensure the inflow of rainwater into lakes must be looked into. "Every lake has a stream system in its vicinity. However, due to rapid urbanisation, they are no longer in place. On the other hand, every residential area that springs up will have a drain system in place.

Through these drains, the BBMP can ensure the rainwater flows into the lake," he suggested. He said that the method had been implemented at Doddakallasandra Lake, where the residents have connected four drains to allow rainwater flow into the lake, helping maintain the water quality remains in class D.

Pachhapur noted that Thalaghattapura Lake has a good amount of wild grass on the premises, extending the scope for ecological activities. Vasudha Zora, a resident of Thalaghattapura, said, "There are many birds, such as swans, that reside in the water. The authorities must take measures to ensure that these can flourish, and clean water is a major requirement that needs to be maintained."

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> – Raghavendra Pachhapur, lake activist

Manjunath Huligaradi, a resident of Thalaghattapura, said, "Due to the 110 village project through which the sewage networks were supposed to be connected to treatment plants being delayed, there is no separation between rainwater and untreated water. The Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) claims to complete the project in the coming year or two. The situation may not get better until the sewage networks are connected."

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Toxic sites: 1st KSPCB report 'inadequate'

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measures for the remediation of these sites and communicate about actions taken in that direction. However, the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) has not even sketched a revival plan. The board is still gearing up to make its second attempt at getting the sites delisted.

"CPCB has directed us to re-evaluate these sites after a preliminary report was submitted by KSPCB last year. We had submitted the report based on one sample per site but CPCB declined it as it wanted a detailed study to reconsider if the sites can be delisted," said a senior KSPCB official.

In October last year, KSPCB approached the Central Pollution Control Board with a preliminary study of the contaminated sites, requesting to delist the sites. The report submitted by KSPCB, however, was inadequate as it was based on a single sample from each site. CPCB then directed the state pollution control board to carry out sampling of soil, groundwater, surface water, and sediments, based on site-wise requirements from at least three to four locations in each site and submit a report on the extent and nature of contamination within two months. While the study was to be completed by January 2023, KSPCB is yet to get started with the sample collection process.

"While KSPCB is looking at Environmental Management & Policy Research Institute (EMPRI) to carry out the study, CPCB protocol says samples cannot be collected by the agency conducting the analysis. Getting these clarifications from CPCB took time. It has now been decided that KSPCB will gather samples and hand them over to EMPRI for the study; the sample collection was to begin from October 20," said the official. KSPCB is also yet to constitute a State-Level Empowered Monitoring Committee (SLEMC), as directed by the central pollution watchdog. The committee, once formed, will supervise remediation work. However, according to the officials, the committee can be formed only after the analysis study by EMPRI.

"The result of the analysis will indicate if the sites are contaminated. The committee will then be constituted to supervise the remediation work," added the official.

Karnataka mourns loss of former speaker DB Chandregowda

Former speaker of Karnataka legislative Assembly, 87-year-old Daradahalli Byregowda Chandregowda passed away at Daradahalli in Chikkamagaluru district on Tuesday.

Born on 26 August 1936 in Daradahalli, Mudigere Taluk, Chikkamagaluru district, Karnataka, Daradahalli Byregowda Chandregowda had a vast political career in which he worked with different political party spectrums. He was a three-term MLA, an MLC and a three-term member of the Lok Sabha. DB Chandregowda was first elected to the 5th Lok Sabha in 1971 from the Chikmagalur constituency, representing the Congress party. He was re-elected to the 6th Lok Sabha in 1977. In 1978, he resigned from the Lok Sabha to make way for the former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi to contest. Her victory in the by-election gave the Congress the much-needed boost post-emergency.

He was a Member of the State Legislative Council, once from 1978 to 1983, representing the Indian National Congress. Chandre Gowda was a Member of the State Legislative Assembly for three terms, representing the Janata Dal from the Thirthalli Legislative Assembly Constituency from 1983 to 1985.
He served multiple terms as an elected representative, with affiliations to both Janata Dal and Congress, later joining the Bharatiya Janata Party in 2009 as a Member of Parliament. **– ANI**

Brides, give this your ear

Looking for the perfect earring? Here's a guide to all the styles available

Most wedding stylists recommend zeroing in on the jewellery before choosing your wedding outfit. And while everyone stresses the importance of having good necklaces, we think that bridal earrings are the understated jewellery that people often ignore. There are many types of bridal earrings that are trending, but not all will suit your needs (or your face, or your outfit!) For that reason, we have come up with a guide to earrings for brides.

Bridal Jhumkas

Jhumkas are multifarious earrings that suit almost every face and make a great choice for modern brides who want to keep their bridal jewellery on the traditional side. Jhumkas are available in a bevy of sizes, from 1-inch versions to designs that flaunt bells with large diameters. Jhumkas that have been a part of traditional Indian wedding repertoire, have been brought back to the fore by a slew of celebrities who chose these earrings to wear with their wedding outfits. Jhumkas are also available in traditional kundan versions where the earring itself is available in extra large size compared to the actual jhumka.

Pro Tip: Jhumkas are great for pairing with traditional saris and lehengas that are heavily embroidered.

Bridal Studs

Of all the earring options, studs are not the most-preferred earrings with brides even though they are versatile and can add glamour to most outfits without taking away from the bridal ensemble. They suit all face types and are a failsafe choice.

Pro Tip: If you're not someone who likes to wear both a heavy necklace and earrings together, opt for simple bridal studs with your ornate choker.

Chandbali Earrings

Wonder what makes the moon-inspired shape of the Chandbali earrings so famous? The crescent-shaped earrings, often embellished with crystals, precious stones, and fringed with tiny pearls are a beautiful blend of Hindu and Muslim design sensibilities and in turn a mainstay in both cultures. Though chandbalis are available in a bevy of sizes from small to shoulder-grazing ones, the most-preferred style for weddings is the mid-sized ones.

Pro Tip: Wearing big round maang tikkas that sit on the top half of the forehead are great jewellery options to wear along with chandbalis on the big day.

Earrings With Kaan Chain

Kaan chains were originally used as an accessory used to support heavy earrings. Traditionally, they were simple or embellished chains that would be slid on the earrings toward the front, go over the ear, and finally, the other end would be slid just before screwing in the fastener. However, of late, Kaan chains have become available as separate attachments that can be mixed and matched with any earrings.

Pro Tip: Kaan chains can be worn with any earrings, but, they look best with oversized chandbali earrings and deep neck blouses.

Floral Earrings for Brides

Many brides are eschewing heavy bridal earrings for their pre-wedding events by turning toward light-weight yet statement-making earrings that are made entirely with flowers – both fresh and dry. These are great for shaking things out of predictability and great to wear to events where the mood is overall relaxed and laid back.

Pro Tip: While white floral earrings are popular, they are available and can be customised in several colors to match your mehendi or haldi outfit.

Dangler Earrings for Brides

Similar to jhumkas, dangler earrings also extend into designs below the earlobe that sway or move, however, the dangling part of the earrings is not a bell. Danglers can come in traditional settings or slightly modern designs. Whether traditional motifs or contemporary designs, danglers can look great with most Indian wedding outfits.

Pro Tip: Shoulder-dusting dangler earrings are a great jewellery option when you are not wearing a necklace.

—by Ashwini Arun Kumar, Femina

CRAFTING STUNNING JEWELLERY WITH THE PROMISE OF PRECISION

Arjunaa jewellers, an emerging jewellery brand takes the industry by storm

A home-grown brand from Namma Bengaluru, Arjunaa Jewellers is fast becoming a household name amidst the locals for all the right reason. Celebrating its third anniversary on October 25, 2023, the brand proudly commemorated the completion of its third thriving year since its establishment amidst the challenges posed by the pandemic.

Built upon a multi-generational jewellery heritage spanning more than six decades across generations, Arjunaa Jewellers was envisioned as a treasure trove for all things precious. The collection encompasses a wide array of offerings, ranging from gold, silver, and various precious metals to an extensive assortment of colourful gemstones and stones.

Arjunaa Jewellers places utmost priority quality. The brand is dedicated to turning the dream of owning exquisite, handcrafted luxury jewellery into a reality. The promise of 'Accuracy in Design' is a commitment they ensure by delivering nothing but the finest.

Visionary entrepreneurs

With a dream ignited by a golden legacy and the unwavering support of Ashok D Jain and Vinod Kumar Jain, Bengaluru-based entrepreneurs Rahul and Akshay embarked on a journey to etch their own unique story into the timeless tapestry of jewellery. Their initial vision, born from a simple desire to provide the best, has now evolved into a continual commitment to spearheading a new era of luxury accessible to all. Today, their enterprise stands as a prominent and ever-evolving landmark not just within Jayanagar, but across Bengaluru.

Akshay Jain, Vinod Jain, Ashok Jain , Rahul Jain

"Vinod and I have been in the industry for more than three decades. We have seen times and people change and we bring the culmination of our experience and the pulsing innovations of our younger founders in the form of Arjunaa: making this the best of both worlds for our patrons. When we say 'Accuracy in Design', it's more than just in the jewellery and articles - it is in how we display merchandise, our seamless transactions and the outstanding experience we offer at Arjunaa," says Ashok D Jain, Director, Arjunaa Vara Jewellers.

Founded by a dynamic generation of entrepreneurs preserving their family's rich heritage, Arjunaa prides itself on being an Indian, home-grown brand with a global perspective when it comes to catering to modern preferences in jewellery and other exquisite articles. Their commitment also extends to providing customisation when required, to ensure exceptional service during every in-store encounter.

Crafted to perfection by artisans

Every piece of jewellery at Arjunaa is meticulously crafted by highly skilled artisans, each hailing from a lineage of experts in their specific domains. The masterpieces are deeply rooted in the beauty of tradition while being exceptionally versatile in functionality.

"We want our patrons to feel a sense of homecoming when they step into our showroom, everything else is consequential. Recognising the latest trends and customer's request for light-weight jewellery and sturdy articles that look as splendid as they feel light, we have innovated with all things precious under one roof, for our business and corporate patrons and their families," says Vinod Kumar Jain, Director, Arjunaa Vara Jewellers.

Since inception, jewellery from Arjunaa has been loved by connoisseurs for their mesmerising appeal, outstanding finish, unique concept and exceptional design. The meticulous artistry invested in every seemingly simple design gives the jewellery a sense of rarity that truly makes them aspirational and unparalleled.

A bride's dream come true

Every young girl, at some stage in her life, has aspired to adorn herself with the most exquisite jewellery. Arjunaa Jewellers takes immense pride in transforming these lifelong dreams into reality, by crafting stunning pieces that outshine even the grandeur of bygone royalty. Going beyond the aesthetic appeal of the pieces they craft, the team at Arjunaa Jewellers takes great care in ensuring that every Arjunaa bride's trousseau becomes something she cherishes for a lifetime.

Award winning magnificence

Arjunaa Jewellers has earned recognition at the National Jewellery Awards 2020-21 under the category - Paramparik Jewellery of the year, An Artisan's Pride, which is one of the most prestigious awards in the Indian jewellery industry. Receiving this award in the first year of inception is truly an achievement! This is just the beginning for Arjunaa.

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Downpour diary

CITY PREPS FOR RAIN

To avoid repeat of 2022 deluge, BBMP orders opening of Bellandur and Varthur lake sluice gates; officials say these gates at lakes will help prevent flooding

Several locations in city were flooded after heavy rainfall on Tuesday

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With the city witnessing heavy rainfall, the BBMP doesn't want a repeat of last year's deluge. As a precautionary measure, it has asked its personnel to open the sluice gates at Bellandur and Varthur. BBMP Administrator Rakesh Singh on Tuesday asked officials to immediately open the sluice gates at Varthur and Bellandur lakes. Bellandur is the largest lake in the city, while Varthur Lake, located downstream of Bellandur Lake, is also considered one of the largest lakes. If the sluice gates are opened, then all the excess water flowing into these lakes will flow towards Tamil Nadu, thereby causing minimal damage to the neighbourhood surrounding these lakes.

An official said, "This is being done so that last year's tech corridor deluge could be avoided. The sluice gates are important as, during non-rainy days, they help withhold waste water from flowing into lakes. Following flash floods last year, the BBMP planned to install sluice gates for lakes and diversion channels. These gates at lakes will help prevent flooding. However, during rainy days, the opening of these gates helps flush out excess water. The opening of sluice gates plays a very important role as it will help in emptying the lakes quickly during heavy rainy days."

However, most of the sluice gates are not in proper shape. When Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar went on a city tour after taking over earlier, he was shocked to see that the sluice gate at Bellandur was malfunctioning.

Meanwhile, Singh has issued a directive to assign an engineer to each ward responsible for addressing rain-related issues. With rain predicted in the city for the next few days, Singh stressed the need for a dedicated engineer to handle disaster management, pothole filling, trash collection, pedestrian concerns, and other related matters in every ward, and that engineer can act as a single point of contact.

"Given the ongoing development projects by various agencies such as BMRCL, BESCOM, BWSSB, or BBMP, the dug-up areas pose potential hazards. Precautionary measures must be taken, and the BBMP has been asked to collaborate with other government agencies for swift coordination and completion of the work," said Singh.

Meanwhile, BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath highlighted waterlogging issues during rainfall, impacting traffic flow. "There is a need to desilt and clean up the shoulder drains to ensure smooth water flow. Considering ongoing Metro works causing water logging at barricades, BBMP officials are instructed to coordinate with Metro authorities for an effective resolution. We need to ensure that there is no waterlogging on service roads, which is a priority. The forest wing has been asked to be on alert to deploy pump sets for quick water removal. Regular desilting of rajakaluves and stormwater drains is mandated, avoiding debris dumping on roads," he said.

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>
> –Tushar Giri Nath, BBMP

Meanwhile, Singh has stressed teamwork during the rainy season. He instructed BBMP officials to collaborate with fire and emergency services, SDRF, and NDRF teams.

Rising water worries citizens

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As rain showers hit the city, city dwellers complained about flooding. As BBMP scrambles to address minor clogging issues in the city, residents want a holistic situation. Bengaluru rains often reveal the apathy of the civic body. Once roads start flooding, it exposes the underlying problems in the civic infrastructure.

Prashant, a resident of the HRBR Layout told BM that even with modest rain, the model layout floods now.

"Even with modest rain, we see inundation at 1st Block, HRBR Layout. The storm water drains are running from upstream Banaswadi to HRBR Layout Foods. The situation has worsened after the white topping of the Banaswadi-Horamavu Road. Additionally, the sewage line is mostly clogged, and it overflows into households. There was a request for a new line a year ago, but the proposal has not been approved. A new line was laid four years ago. We haven't seen such issues in 20 years of living in the locality," he said.

Furthermore, residents from various areas complained of water logging.

Many said that the drain work at BEML Layout has not been completed in six months, leading to flooding on the streets.

"BBMP had taken up storm water drain remodelling work a month ago. But the work has not been completed. The slabs covering the drains were removed and not replaced," said a resident.

In Yelahanka, residents are struggling as Old Town gets flooded due to missing rajakaluves. "When it rains, the roads get flooded, and water fails to recede. Yesterday, the down bazaar road in Yelahanka old town got flooded. BBMP made some efforts to clear it, but there has been slow progress. The problem is that some of the connecting rajakaluves are missing and existing ones have been narrowed down," said Neelkantiah, a resident of the area. After facing regular flooding, Varthur residents conducted a paddy plantation in protest. "The problem is that Varthur does not have a proper drainage system. There was flooding in areas like Chikkanaayakanahalli, Kadubeesanahalli, Balagere Road to VIBGYOR, and Balagere Road to ORR," said Jagadish Reddy of Varthur Rising.

> **The sewage line in HRBR Layout is mostly clogged, and it overflows into households**

IN BRIEF

NIMHANS has new partner in research

The National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS), Bengaluru, and the University of Liverpool, UK, have come forward to sign a new memorandum of understanding (MoU) to expand their research partnership. The collaborative partnership between NIMHANS and the University of Liverpool, initiated in 2002, has had a profound impact on global healthcare, saving over 200,000 lives. Now the partnership will expand to a dual PhD programme, Early Career Researcher Exchange programme, Senior Researcher Exchange programme, and a joint annual symposium.

The mission of the project is to foster academic exchange between the two institutes, promoting research and education based upon principles of mutual equality and reciprocity of benefits. The focus of research is in three major areas: brain infections, maternal and child mental health, epilepsy, and brain imaging. NIMHANS will ink a pact with Pratiksha Trust, through which Kris Gopalakrishnan, Chairman of Axilor Ventures and Co-Founder of Infosys, has pledged £1.5 million in support.

The research on brain infections was spearheaded by Professor Tom Solomon from the University of Liverpool and Dr Netravathi from NIMHANS; child and maternal mental health, featuring collaborative longitudinal studies such as the Bangalore Child Health and

> **NIMHANS and University of Liverpool, UK sign a Memorandum of understanding**

Development Study, led by Professor Helen Sharp from the University of Liverpool and Professor Prabha Chandra at NIMHANS; and neuroimaging and epilepsy research, led by Professor Simon Keller at the University of Liverpool and Dr Sanjib Sinha and Dr Jitender Saini from NIMHANS. The partnership also includes a dual PhD programme and joint workshops held annually to set research priorities and explore new avenues of research.

Prof Pratima Murthy, Director of NIMHANS, expressing her views on the renewed partnership, said, "We are excited to continue our valuable collaboration with the University of Liverpool. Together, we have achieved remarkable progress in the fields of maternal and child mental health, epilepsy, and brain infections. It has been an extraordinary journey, uniting the brightest minds to unravel the mysteries of the human brain."

Furthermore, Prof Tim Jones, Vice-Chancellor, University of Liverpool, said, "We are incredibly proud to be a civic university with a global reputation, and it's an honour to visit Bengaluru. Here we have met people and organisations with a shared aspiration for positive worldwide impact through outstanding research and collaboration." —**BMB**

How about tasty chow at hostels?

Students raise concerns about quality of food in hostel mess and how it affects their well being

CAMPUS NOTES

In the era of food reviews, restaurants experience a surge in visitors after popular vloggers share their insights. However, a growing demand from students is calling for vloggers to review not just fancy eateries but also college hostels. Many students argue that the food quality in college hostels is often subpar, and they feel the need for online exposure to shed light on the reality of hostel canteen food.

Despite paying higher amounts, students find themselves compelled to consume substandard meals, prompting a call for attention to this aspect of college life. Students say that as college campuses strictly bar the outsiders without a valid identity card, the management should take up the challenge and openly invite the vloggers to give their fair and frank opinion.

"Hostel mess food has always been a problem for students. Many students raise concerns about the quality of food in hostel mess facilities and how it affects their overall well being and justification for the expensive hostel fees.

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"Quality is only good when there's a new intake of students into the hostel. There's variety, sure, the quality is not up to the mark

In fact, students from different hostels have raised their voices against the quality and taste of meals provided by hostel mess facilities. It was found that food is sometimes tasteless and undercooked. Some students also mentioned that they've seen rats and cockroaches in the kitchen which makes them order food from outside. But this burns holes in their pockets", said Anju Naidu, a college student.

Students mention that colleges charge an exorbitant fee but don't provide basic facilities and it affects their well being. They are also concerned about the hygiene standards with which the food is prepared. A hostelite said "The quality is only good when there's a new intake of students into the hostel. There's variety, sure, but the quality is not up to the mark. A lot of students face stomach issues that last for weeks. We've also found insects in our food, that makes us question what really goes behind the scenes."

Another hostel resident shared her experience and said, "The food quality in the hostel mess has deteriorated over time. It's frustrating to pay for meals that are tasteless and unappetizing. We deserve better."

The frustration has led to calls for improved quality control, increased transparency in food procurement, and a greater say for students in determining the menu. Students are also seeking clear avenues for lodging complaints about food quality and safety.

Students say that for a long time hostel food has been a debate of bad taste and the time has come where students studying in college campus are served yummy and hygienic food.

—Sanjana Rao

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WHAT STUDENTS WANT

Good stationery, gadgets and college gear

All college-goers have that one thing that they cannot do without. Check out some must-haves for the academic world

It is usually at the start of the academic session that city markets are flooded with anything students would like to stock up on, from stationery to gadgets and college wear. Here is a lowdown on what students want.

Stationery

Be it school or college, stationery items like pens, notepads and folders are must-haves for students. Neha Gupta, a second year engineering student, says, "Once the session starts, we get busy with our routine and other than Sunday, there isn't any other time to buy these. While working on assignments and projects, things like sticky tape, a stapler, pens and sketch pens come handy. I have already purchased a sufficient stock of all these. I also maintain notes for every subject and that helps me revise properly during the semester exams. I also have a collection of highlighters to mark important details." Engineering student, Manali Sharma, prefers maintaining separate registers for her notes. "We have educational tours and visits from time to time, so a notepad is essential. Also, instead of just jotting down notes in one register, I maintain separate ones for each subject. Buying stationery in one go is cost effective."

Monsoon essentials and gadgets

The market is flooded with fancy raincoats and umbrellas and students are wisely picking up rain wear to see themselves through the monsoon. Prakriti Mehta, a BCA student, says, "I picked up a threefold umbrella that is easy to carry. It also fits in my hand bag." Besides this, pen drives and headphones are topping youngsters' college shopping lists. Ritesh Parihar, who is studying journalism, says, "For my first year, I will be travelling via public transport. A pair of headphones will be a good companion till I make new friends."

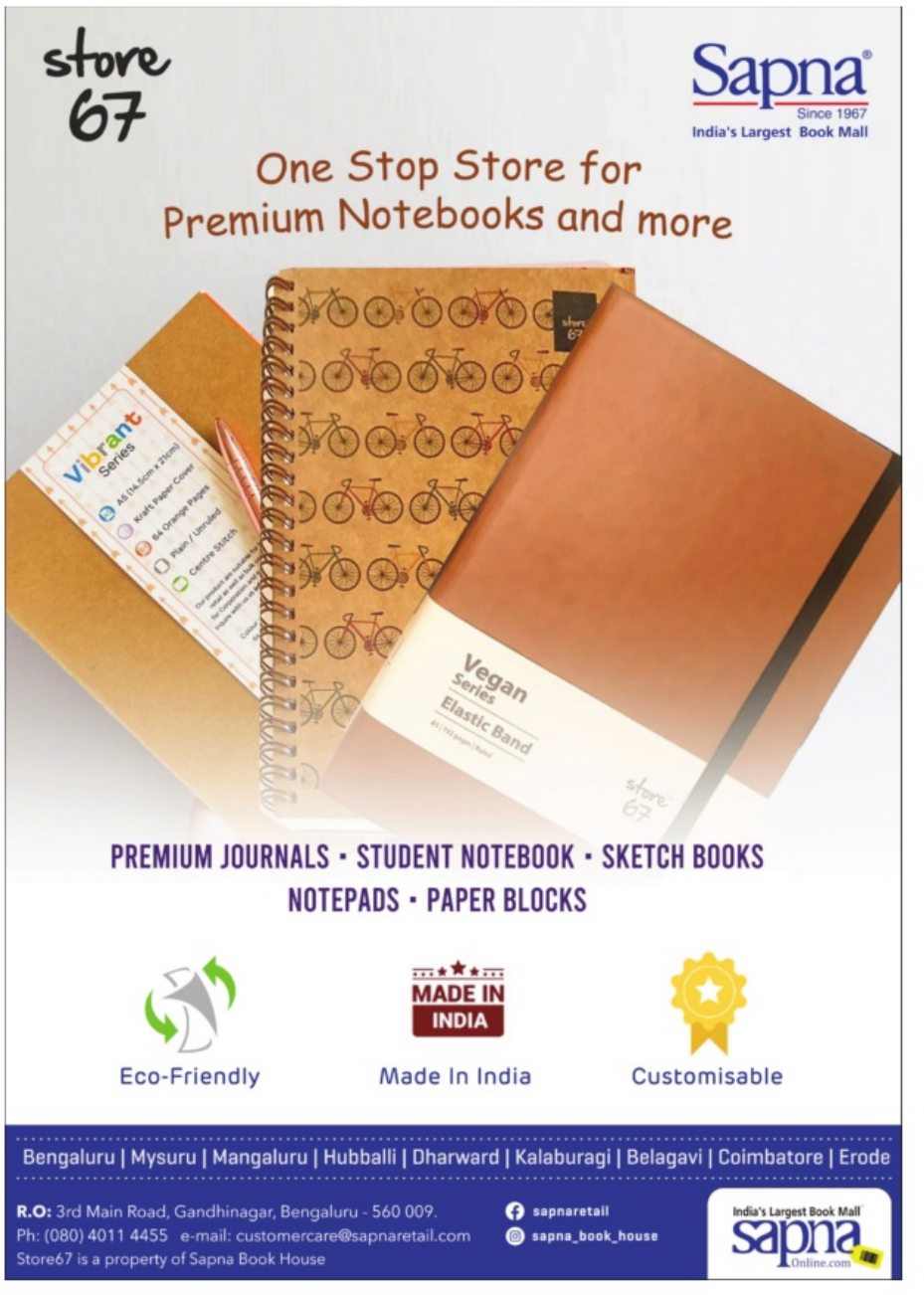
Accessories and bags

College time is when youngsters like to look their best, and if your college isn't one of those that mandates a uniform, the possibilities to dress are endless.

Looking for items ranging from shades to bracelets, youngsters are busy with their last-minute shopping before college reopens. Sheetal Gangrade, a BBA student, however says, "In a way, it is good to have a dress code as it cuts down on a lot of expenses. I don't have to waste time wondering what to wear or buying matching accessories to go with my casual wear. However, I love carrying fancy backpacks. I have bought three trendy ones. I also have a pair of monsoon footwear that will suit anything I wear."

Besides accessories, backpacks are another essential. There are plenty of backpacks that have flooded the market. They can be found in the range of `200 to `600. Nihar Parihar, a BCom student, adds, "A watch is a must-have for me. I am not brand conscious, but a good and presentable one is all I need on my wrist."

(Femina)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Class 9 boy kills self after parents scold him over phone addiction

In a shocking case, a Class 9 student killed himself after his parents scolded him over mobile phone addiction in a village in Chikkaballapura district, police said on Tuesday.

The deceased was identified as 15-year-old Lokesh and the incident took place in Chittavalahalli village.

Lokesh's father was worried about him spending most of his time on the mobile phone and wanted him to focus on studies.

When father objected to his mobile addiction on Monday, both got into an argument. The boy fought with his parents and left the house in anger.

Lokesh in a fit of rage and not able to take the constant criticism hanged himself from a tree in an isolated place in the village, said the police.

The police have taken up the investigation. **IANS**

5 die after car plunges into canal

Five people, including a child, died when the car they were travelling in fell into the Visvesvaraya canal in this district on Tuesday morning, police said. The car was heading to Nagamangala when the mishap occurred. All the passengers drowned in the water, they said.

Police suspect that the driver, in order to avoid hitting a biker, veered off the road. The deceased are yet to be identified.

Soon after learning about the accident, a large number of people gathered at the spot and informed the police. **PTI**

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Illegal breeding: 14 caged, underfed, ill dogs rescued

Rescue op exposes shocking condition in which several breeds of dogs were kept

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Illegal dog breeding operations near Kanakasri Housing Society, situated behind KMT Apartments, have been a concern for several months. A local Animal Welfare Organization received numerous complaints from worried residents regarding this illicit activity. On Monday, a rescue operation was executed, resulting in the successful rescue of over 14 dogs that were being kept in deplorable and unhygienic conditions.

Harish KB, a Member of Bangalore Urban SPCA and Anti-Animal Cruelty Officer for People for Animals, highlighted the inhumane conditions in which the dogs were kept. These conditions violated the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act (PCA) Section 11 and the Karnataka Breeding and Marketing of Pet Animals Rules, 2019 (KB Act 93), along with other relevant regulations applicable to such circumstances.

Activist stresses on need to combat illegal breeding; inset: beagles at the centre

Prompted by reports from concerned residents, Harish swiftly took action. He alerted the Bagalur police station about the situation and contacted the Karnataka Animal Husbandry Department. The police acted promptly, arriving at the location with Harish. They discovered that the gates to the facility where the dogs were kept were locked, and there was no one in attendance. Working with rescuers, the police broke open the lock and gained access to the premises. Inside, they found 14 dogs of various breeds, including Beagles, Golden Retrievers, Labradors, Saint Bernards, Siberian Huskies, and Rottweilers. The dogs were in a distressing state, suffering from malnourishment, skin infections, and injuries.

Harish said, "Any dog breeding activity must be conducted with the necessary permissions from the Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) and the local authority, ensuring strict adherence to all conditions and maintenance of accurate medical records for the animals. However, here, no rules were followed, and the residents complained that the illegal breeding had been going on for years. The dogs valued at Rs 3-4 lakh were rescued. Initially, we took the dogs to the Bagalur police station until we found a shelter. The animals were also checked by a veterinarian and then shifted to Girish Shelter in Kengeri for rehabilitation."

> **"Here, no rules were followed. Residents complained that the illegal breeding had been going on for years** –Harish KB, Anti-Animal Cruelty Officer, People for Animals

Harish further pointed out that rescuing these dogs is a reminder that one must actively combat illegal breeding operations to protect the rights and dignity of animals. "Strict action should be taken against the accused. The accused stated that these were rescued dogs they had kept in a shelter, but this is far from the truth. We could know that the dogs were kept for breeding,"he said.

Court takes up doc, hospital staff shortfall

The High Court of Karnataka on Tuesday took serious note of the shortage of doctors and medical staff in state-run hospitals and initiated public interest litigation (PIL) on this matter on its own.

As the proceedings began, Chief Justice Prasanna B Varale and Justice Krishna S Dixit, presiding over the bench, referred to a news report on October 16 regarding the shortage of 16,500 medical staff, including doctors, technicians, and other personnel.

Subsequently, the Registrar of the HC was directed to register a public interest petition based on the news report and place it before the court.

Furthermore, the HC, pointing to the report, noted a shortage of primary health centres in 454 rural areas. The report also said there is a shortage of 723 MBBS doctors, 7,492 nurses, 1,517 lab technicians, 1,517 pharmacists, 1,752 attendants, and 3,253 Group D workers, constituting various categories of medical staff. — PTI

Matrimonial disputes: Focus on kids' psyche

The High Court of Karnataka has initiated a case on its own seeking to frame guidelines on the issue of involving psychologists to assess the psyche of children in custody in matrimonial cases.

The State and Central governments were issued notices by the division bench of Chief Justice Prasanna B Varale and Justice Krishna S Dixit on Monday.

The public interest litigation (PIL) was filed by the Registrar General of the High Court on a direction issued by the court.

The petition says that parents involved in marital disputes coerce the impressionable minds of the minor children to make them believe that one of the parents will better take care of them.

The petition also states that in some cases, grandparents of minor children are also involved in using persuasive methods to impress them. Therefore, the involvement of psychologists to evaluate the psyche of the children is necessary, and guidelines have to be framed for the same to determine custody cases.

The Bench, during the hearing, noted that it was the child who was the most affected in matrimonial disputes, and, therefore, there was a need for the availability of psychologists in child custody disputes.

"Matters involving custody of the child are also required to be looked at not only from the legal and technical aspect, but its psychological aspect," the Bench observed. — PTI

Quarry owners seeks justice for geologist

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In a solemn tribute, members of the Federation of Karnataka Quarry and Stone Crusher Owners Association (KQSCOA) on Tuesday paid their respects to the late Prathima, a senior geologist who was found murdered on Sunday. They called for stringent action against those responsible for Prathima's untimely demise.

Expressing deep concern over media reports suggesting the involvement of a mining mafia, Ravindra Shetty, the President of KWSCOA, expressed his distress at the inaccurate portrayal of some quarry owners in Prathima's murder. "We have nothing to do with the murder of Prathima, who was very helpful to the KQSCOA. It is she who helped us to follow the new norms of quarries by guiding us. We want all those who own quarries to follow the norms," said Ravindra Shetty.

Shetty also urged the state government to expedite the investigation into the alleged involvement of other individuals. "We are against operating quarries illegally. We will not support any member of the KQSCOA who is linked with the killing of Prathima. We are aware that the state government has constituted a special investigation team to probe Prathima's murder," he said.

Purushotham, general secretary of KQSCOA, has said the authorities should take all measures to avoid recruiting the wrong people as drivers for them. "We demand stringent punishment for the driver who was involved in the killing of Prathima. It is not fair to blame owners of quarries for the killing of Prathima," said Purushotham.

Kiran Raj, KQSCOA Vice President, underscores quarries' pivotal role in providing livelihoods, construction, tax revenue, and jobs.

Garbage trucks will carry news on feeder bus

The Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) has launched an innovative approach to promote the newly inaugurated metro feeder bus services. Recorded audio announcements of the feeder bus routes are now being played through Solid Waste Management (SWM) autos that are typically used for garbage collection in various neighbourhoods. This initiative is aimed at raising awareness among residents in areas served by these garbage collection autos about the newly introduced feeder bus services.

Starting from October 23, the BMTC has initiated feeder bus services on four new routes, connecting the Hoodi metro station to KR Pura, JP Nagar metro station to JP Nagar 7th Phase (Brigade Gardenia), a round trip from Jayanagar 9th Block, and the Banashankari metro station to BTM Layout (Kuvempu Nagar).

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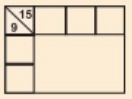
SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

Add 2 to this prime number, take the square root of the result and then add 18 to that to get the original prime number. What was the original prime number?

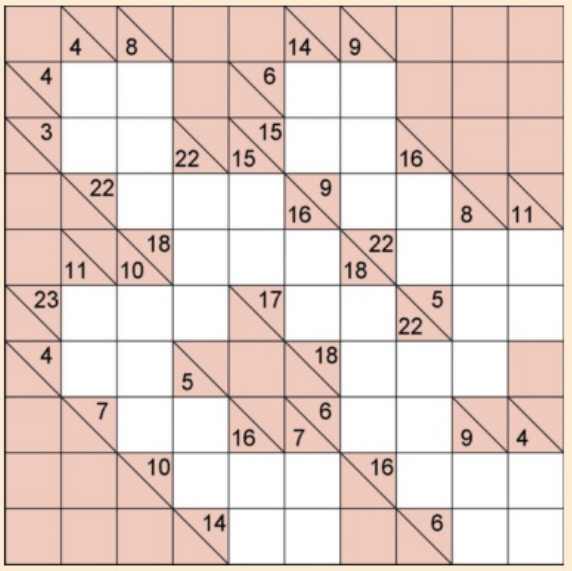
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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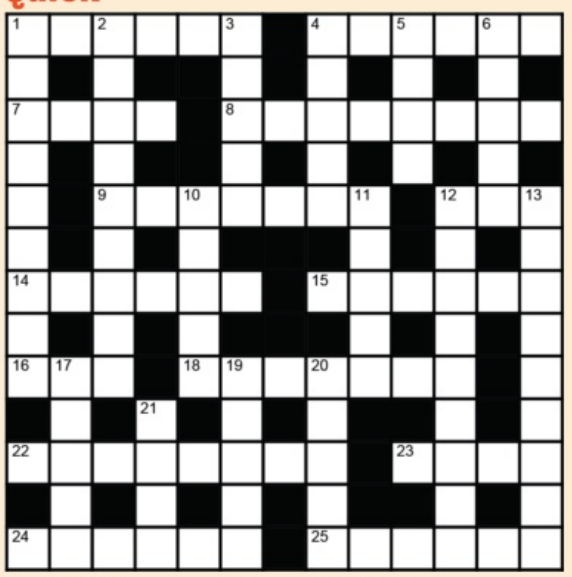


ACROSS

1 Italian city (6)
4 Further up a slope, difficult (6)
7 String instrument (4)
8 Did extremely well, better than most (8)
9 Circled or moved around (7)
12 Bashful or timid (3)
14 Sick or ailing (6)
15 Largest of islands forming Japan (6)
16 Japanese Buddhist philosophy (3)
18 Pardon of sin (7)
22 ____ Memorial Hall: Venue for plays and musical performances in Kodandarampura (8)
23 Change of Govt. : coup d'____ (4)
24 Mental keenness (6)
25 Crazier (6)

DOWN

1 Spanish painter (1599-1660) (9)
2 The result of a hard fought match–especially for the victors? (6,3)
3 Tropical resin (5)
4 Male relative (5)
5 Assistance (4)
6 Blood-sucker (5)
10 Light wood (5)
11 Amusing because of its quaintness (5)
12 Had doubts about (9)
13 Child (9)
17 Moral values (5)
19 Child in Scotland (5)
20 An old Irish alphabet–"Ham go" anagram? (5)
21 Propel yourself in water (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: I EQUALS D

BGT BUWJH WO BE PVHT OXUT ZEX IEM'B IWT FVWBWMC AEU LUEOLTUWBZ BE JEPT.

Linemaro

You are so interesting!

Mindchow

Every child should be taught in school how not to be seriously disturbed and how to overcome disturbance when it occurs

Joke of the day

Do not walk behind me, for I may not lead. Do not walk ahead of me, for I may not follow. Do not walk the hell alone. beside me either. Just pretty much leave me

Loop

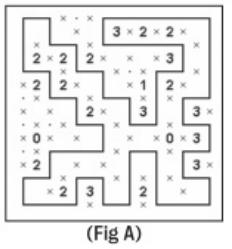
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

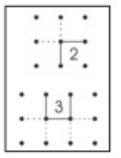
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

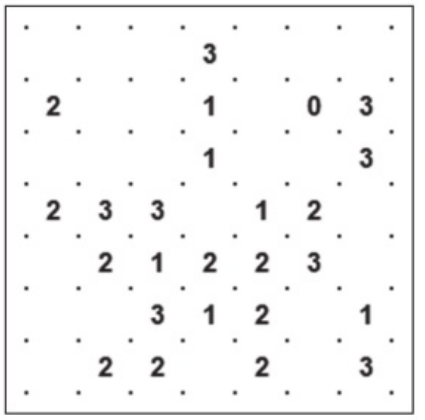
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



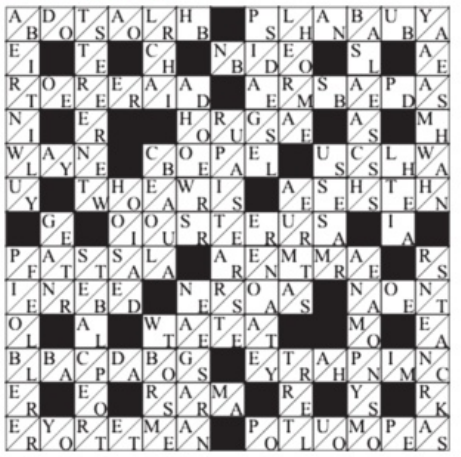
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



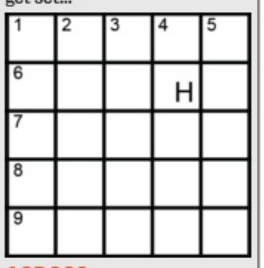
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

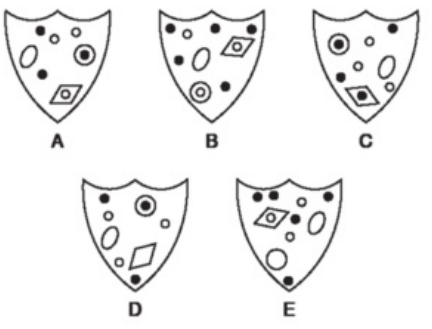
1 Flask; 6 Cur he;
7 On ani; 8 Sun an;
9 Mr Ice

DOWN

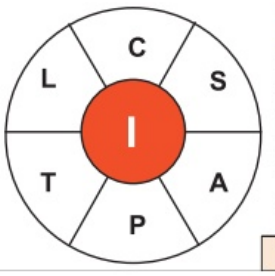
1 FN car; 2 Ulnar;
3 In CIA; 4 Hokum;
5 Nesse

Mensapuzzle

Which shield below has most in common with the shield below?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

12 Average; 14 Good; 16 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

2			4	5	6			8
		6		8		1		
3								6
		8	1		9	4		
4		3				2		9
		9	3		5	6		
6								5
		5		1		3		
1			5	6	2			4

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

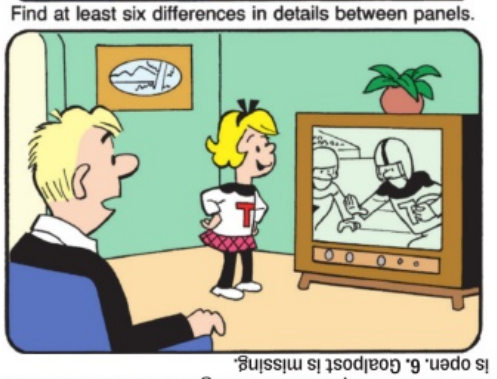
Easy ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐ = 13
2 3 5 7

Medium ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐ = 7
1 2 4 5

Hard ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐ = 1
6 7 8 7

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



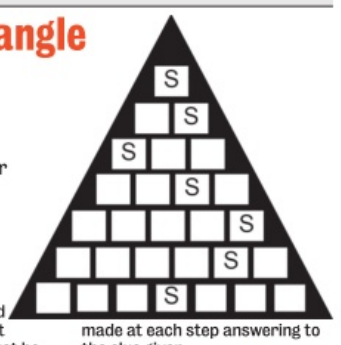
Differences: 1. Girl is closer to TV. 2. Man's arm is longer. 3. TV screen is square. 4. Girl's leg is moved. 5. Man's mouth is open. 6. Goalpost is missing.

Riddler

What word can be added before or after these words to make a new word or phrase? Break, Light, May

Alpha triangle

1 Curved letter
2 Less more
3 Take a chair
4 Light spray
5 Leaves off
6 At the very center
7 Wet



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

YIKES! TAKE COVER! SOUNDS LIKE A WHOLE HERD OF BUFFALO COMING!
WHAT'RE YOU TWO DOING HIDING BEHIND THE ROCK?
ANSWER THAT AND YOU'RE A DEAD INDIAN!
Yates/Casson
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Hart of the city

WHAT IF YOU JUST TELL BRENT THAT YOU DON'T WANT TO GO TO THE DANCE AS DATES, BUT AS FRIENDS?
OOOH. SET SOME BOUNDARIES. I LIKE IT!
AND IF HE CROSSES THOSE BOUNDARIES, HE'LL HAVE A DATE WITH MY FISTS!
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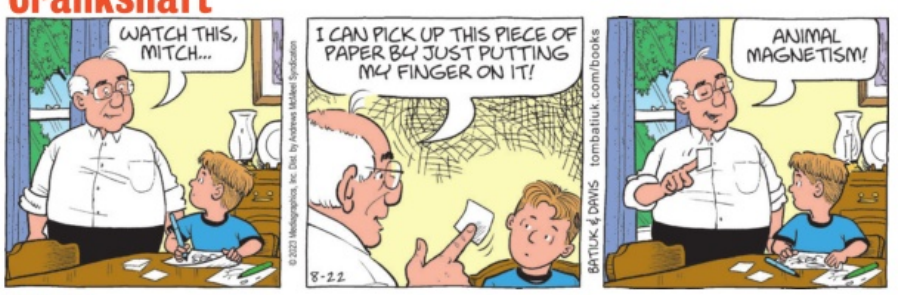
WATCH THIS, MITCH...
I CAN PICK UP THIS PIECE OF PAPER BY JUST PUTTING MY FINGER ON IT!
ANIMAL MAGNETISM!
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8-22

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today is not a good day for you. You may feel dull and dissatisfied in every moment, and you may be a victim of conspiracy. You are advised to be careful in terms of hidden enemies and opponents. You are also advised to avoid harsh speech; otherwise, you may face some litigations. It would be wise to refrain from making investments in risky assets.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you may become happy. You may be enthusiastic and start a new partnership, which can help your business grow. Your seniors may appreciate your dedication towards work, and you may even get a promotion in your current job. You may receive incentives and rewards. Job seekers can expect to find a new job, and singles may likely find their soul mate with the help of relatives.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you may be busy at work, and your focus on your goal may be tested many times. Your patience will help you achieve your goals on time. Your dedication to work may be tested as well, and you may receive some rewards as a result of your hard work. You may also consider making investments in fixed assets.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, your destiny may help you achieve success in an easy way. You may visit a religious place in search of peace of mind and spend time acquiring intellectual or occult knowledge. Students may perform well, singles may find a good match, and love birds may make important decisions regarding marriage.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you may feel dull, so it is advised to be careful of opponents and rivals. Avoid engaging in arguments with your seniors, and consider postponing investments in fixed assets, as they might turn into dead investments. Love birds are advised to avoid discussions on worthless topics to maintain harmony in their relationships.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you may enjoy time with your family and have romantic moments with your spouse, which can enhance your understanding. You might spend money on buying artefacts or household items to renovate your house, and you may enjoy parties and events. When considering investments in fixed assets, make sure to read documents carefully.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may feel happy and energetic. Self-exploration and analysis may boost your confidence, making you fearless and courageous in facing challenges. Be patient when making financial decisions in business, and love birds may enjoy their happy moments.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today is a good day for you, and your enthusiasm may be at its peak. Self-analysis can boost your confidence and prestige in society. You'll resolve many problems through your communication skills. Investors are advised to avoid speculation before making investments, and you may plan for higher studies to further your career.

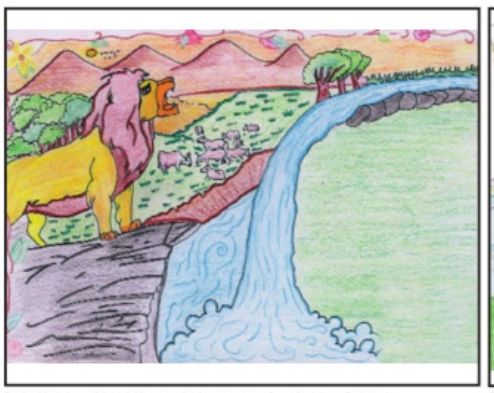
Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you may not be able to enjoy your work life and family life. Avoid arrogance and ego with your spouse, as it may affect your emotional bonding. Problems in partnerships may be resolved, and singles are advised not to rush into marriage decisions. Patience can help you navigate through messy situations.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you are blessed by the positive moon. You may feel enthusiastic and start new innovations in your business, which could lead to growth in the near future. You may also plan renovations in your house and office with your creativity, and your network may become stronger now.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may be busy with family matters and could receive good news from family members. You may also be busy with your children, planning for their academics, and ensuring their health is under control. Be polite with people around you to avoid harsh arguments.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you may be happier and have internal vitality that boosts your self-confidence. Avoid delays in making decisions related to finance, profession, and academics. Sometimes, you may face self-respect issues with your spouse, but keeping patience can help maintain domestic harmony. Love birds may go on short trips.

KIDZONE



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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
23+2=25, the Square root Of 25 is 5 , 5+18=23 So The No is 23

BULL'S EYE
aspic, clip, lisp, list, pall, pica, plait, PLASTIC, sail, slit, slip, slit, split, spit, split, tail

FAST FIVE

C	R	I	M	E
N	A	N	U	S
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STRIKE OUT

A	D	S	O	R	B	■	S	H	A	B	B	Y	■	■
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MENSA PUZZLE
G: It contains four black dots and three white

QUOTE UNCODE
The trick is to make sure you don't die waiting for prosperity to come.

RIDDLER
Day. Daybreak, daylight, may da

SUDOKU

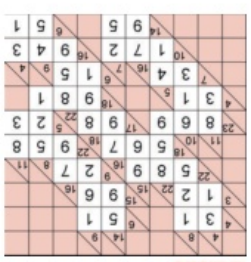
2	7	1	4	5	6	9	3	8
9	5	6	2	8	3	1	4	7
3	8	4	7	9	1	5	2	6
5	6	8	1	2	9	4	7	3
4	1	3	6	7	8	2	5	9
7	2	9	3	4	5	6	8	1
6	9	2	8	3	4	7	1	5
8	4	5	9	1	7	3	6	2
1	3	7	5	6	2	8	9	4

ALPHA TRIANGLE
S, Is, Sit, Mist, Omits, Inmost, Moisten.

GO FIGURE
Easy
5 – 2 + 5 + 7 = 13
Medium
5 + 4 – 2 x 1 = 7
Hard
7 + 7 – 6 / 8 = 1

LOOP

KAKURO



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